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**Subject: Grand Traverse County ARPA RFI portal closes after August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Grand Traverse County has established a Request for Information (RFI) portal to understand the range of potential projects that may be eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, as well as the likely amount of funding to be requested. The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners will be making decisions on how to allocate funds to support community projects. The County's consultants at Public Sector Consultants (PSC) have designed the RFI portal to be easy to access and provide information. Organizations seeking ARPA funding are encouraged to fill out the following RFI form found at the portal [here](#). **Note, the RFI portal will be closed after Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Grand Traverse County will use the information provided in the portal to assess overall funding demand and determine alignment with community priorities for purposes of allocating funding. The RFI is not the official application for GT County ARPA funding. A more detailed application and evaluation process will be forthcoming later this summer or early fall. "The RFI allows organizations that are considering applying for ARPA funding to begin to organize their thoughts about their project, share those thoughts with Grand Traverse County, and prepare for the forthcoming application period," said County Administrator Nate Alger. With the RFI portal Grand Traverse County officials are, according to Alger, "hoping to start to identify the playing field we are on when it comes to potential projects that could come through the application process. We have had significant input on how the funds should be spent, but we have not had the opportunity to identify the range of potential specific projects that are being considered within our community."

The RFI portal, and information about Grand Traverse County's ARPA funding, are accessible via Grand Traverse County's website, [gtcountymi.gov](http://gtcountymi.gov), and the County Administration page found [here](#).

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